3. Atmaja.

4. Dolma.

5. Ahsas.

6. Nirnakush.

7. Kargil Health Mela.

8. Interactive Discussion on Reproductive & Child Health issues (12 episodes).

9. 'Daman' was released in theatres in Uttar Pradesh.

In addition, video spots for 30/60 seconds duration were telecast regularly on the National hook-up on Family Welfare and Reproductive and Child Health issues.

Further, video casstte of two films directed by eminent Directors and produced by the Department of Family Welfare, viz., 'Kairee' and 'Hari Bhari' have been provided to field units for exhibition in these States.

Alcohol abuse

4860. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the alcohol abuse has caused major health problem in the country;

(b) if so, the details of death and disabilities due to alcohol abuse since 1998-1999, till date, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that alcohol causes more harm to women than men; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to cure alcohol related diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No survey on alcohol abuse and resultant death and disabilities is available.

(c) Yes, Sir. Greater harm to women has been attributed to smaller body mass index, distribution of water in body, effects of harmones like estrogen and progrestrone and lower levels of alcohol metabolizing enzymes (*viz*) alcohol dehydrogenerase.

(d) The best approach is reduction in consumption. This requires a multi-faceted approach as it involves policy related to taxation, dealing with illicit liquor and awareness generation, training and community outreach programme.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is in the process of developing a National Alcohol and Drug Demand Reduction Strategy in consultation with all stake holders, experts and international agencies in this sector. It is also implementing an NGO-based programme under the Scheme for "Prevention of alcoholism and substance abuse" for preventive education, awareness generation, motivational counselling and rehabilitation of addicts.

Family Welfare Programmes in villages

4861. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Family Welfare Programmes undertaken at village level during the last three years to create a sense of awareness among the masses of the country;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the programme in each State during this period; and

(c) the progress made in bringing down the birth rate in each State during this period?